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Kristen Kaza (left) and DJ Tess of Slo 'Mo

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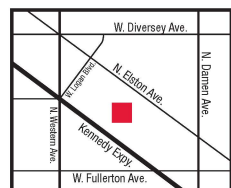
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Chicago Tribune

The cold has been relentless, the snow keeps piling up and 20 degrees sounds almost tropical. In a city known for harsh winters, could this be the worst one of your lifetime? The short answer: Quite possibly. But that depends on age and perspective. Here are a few cold, hard statistics.

Chicago has notched 22 days of subzero temperatures this season. You'd have to be at least 32 years old to have experienced the last time that happened—1981-82, when Ronald Reagan was in his first term as president and Barack Obama was an undergraduate. The last season Chicago logged more than 22 days

below zero was in 1962-63, at 24. You'd have to be 51 to have lived through that.

If you're younger than 35, you've never seen Chicago get this much snow in a season. The 62.1 inches recorded through Wednesday is the most since 1978-79, when Rahm Emanuel was in his late teens.

Chicago's 33.7 inches of snow last month were the most in one month since January 1979, when more than 40 inches fell. This January was also the third-snowiest month in the city's recorded history. Only Chicagoans who are 96 or older experienced the snowiest month in January 1918. More than 42 inches fell then.

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WILL IT EVER WARM UP?

High temperatures are expected to remain in the 20s and 30s through the long weekend, according to the National Weather Service, with some potential for snow and mixed precipitation. But WGN-TV chief meteorologist Tom Skilling said early models suggest a springlike bounce into the 50s—maybe even touching 60—late next week. Temperatures may well plunge again after that, the experts said. But in the throes of the worst Chicago winter in a generation, the promise of a thaw counts as progress.



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“To folks who are young, this will be the worst winter they’ve seen. ... We went through two decades in which the winters really moderated around here.” —Tom Skilling, WGN-TV chief meteorologist

How to treat your office temp right



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It happens to the best of us. You spend a tremendous amount of money on a college education and when you finally walk across the stage, you're officially a part of the "real world."

If you're anything like me, you thought earning a bachelor's degree would mean a gateway to a job making big bucks right

away. I couldn't have been more wrong, but thankfully I received a call from a temporary staffing agency.

It won't be too long before I do make that grand entrance to a permanent and full-time job, but until I join those ranks, I have a few tips for permanent employees who have temps in their offices.

1. Remember our names

No one wants to be called "Hey you" or "Excuse me," especially after being on assignment for a few months in a small office. It's a common courtesy, and the temp will feel less like a number if you take the time out to remember a name before you ask for assistance.

2. Never assume

Underestimating the abilities of someone in the workplace can be a downfall for the team. If you just assume that the temp is good only for stuffing envelopes or making coffee, then you'll never give that person an opportunity to flourish. The temp was booked to work with the company because he or she has an exceptional amount of skills and an impressive resume. Temps are not just paid interns or working for college credit. A temp could even teach you something on a software program or about the tricky fax machine that could help make your work life easier. It never hurts to ask.

3. Keep tidy

When you invite guests into your home, you want them to feel comfortable in your humble abode. There is always the unexpected quick



cleanup job that needs to be done before bad first impressions are made. If you have a kitchen in your office, keep it neat. There is nothing worse than feeling like an outsider and then having to eat your lunch near a pile of dishes, a filthy microwave or a fridge that smells.

4. Have patience

Sometimes the workplace can get a bit chaotic with the piles of paperwork or perhaps that huge presentation that you are not even close to being prepared for. Yes, temps are hired for the sole purpose of helping to ease the workload. However, he or she may not fully adjust to the company's culture in just a few days. When things get rough, it's imperative to remember you have someone new on board who is willing to take on a challenge but is not omnipotent.

5. Don't feel threatened

Sometimes clients eventually hire temps as permanent employees. This does not mean this is a competition and full-time employees should be intimidated. Permanent employees may feel their jobs are on the line if a long-term temp comes into the office. Just chill—if you continue to excel at your job and do the work you love, there is nothing to worry about.

CHARNE GRAHAM IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.



FOLLOW THY TWEETS

@JOHNNYQUINNUSA

We highlight one Twitter user in particular on Fridays for their provided entertainment during the workday. This week's featured Twitter body: @JohnnyQuinnUSA.

As you might have heard, Olympian Johnny Quinn got into a bit of a pickle ... twice ... in one week ... while in Sochi to compete in bobsledding. Last Friday, Quinn busted down his bathroom door with his own hands after he became trapped without a phone nearby, then tweeted the best photo of it ever. On Monday, Quinn got trapped in an elevator with a few teammates. Poor guy, but ... ahahahaha!

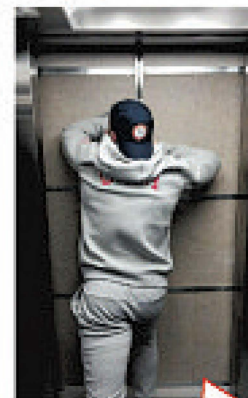
Now, by suggesting that you follow this Olympian, mostly for how he hilariously handled these predicaments earlier this week, I'm certainly not wishing him any more troubles. With doors or otherwise. Just pointing out that Quinn clearly is the total package—a great sense of humor, quick on his feet, incredibly handsome—and deserves a follow. Cool? Cool.

Suggest someone you think we should feature by sending a tweet to @JessicaGallart. JESSICA GALLART, REDEYE SOCIAL MEDIA LADY

"I was taking a shower and the door got locked/jammed...."



"...With no phone to call for help, I used my bobsled push training to break out. #Sochi-JailBreak"



"Check in with @NBC as I share my 3 tips on how to deal with #doors"

"If anyone sees this pin floating around the Olympic village, please grab me a couple."

"No one is going to believe this but we just got stuck in an elevator. Ask @BOB-SLEDR and @Crippsee who were there..."



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HOW WELL ARE COMPANIES CHECKING DRIVERS' BACKGROUNDS?

By Leonor Vivanco and Cynthia Dizikes

CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Chicago's new ride-sharing services market their drivers as friendly and safe, asserting they have passed stringent criminal background checks.

But a Tribune investigation revealed that one of the companies, Uber, did not check some of the criminal records of its drivers, allowing thousands of drivers to ferry passengers for months, despite not knowing whether or not they had felony convictions.

The company's lack of oversight came to light when the Tribune contacted it to profile its drivers. Uber, which has a ride-sharing division called Uber X, presented one driver as an example, but declined to give the Tribune a complete list of its drivers. The Tribune later determined that the driver had a 2010 Cook County felony conviction for residential burglary, which should have barred him from partnering with the company.

After the Tribune asked about the driver's record, company officials "deactivated" him and acknowledged their multistate background checks have missed an "unknown" number of county-level criminal convictions, including the Chicago ride-share driver's felony.

In a public announcement Wednesday, Uber said it now has an expanded policy on background checks that would include county-level reviews for new and existing drivers, a process that will involve redoing thousands of screenings.

The lack of clarity and uniformity on background checks of drivers—as well as other aspects of the budding industry—prompted the Emanuel administration last week to declare a "regulatory vacuum" and propose new rules that would, in part, spell out what commercial ride-sharing companies are required to do in Chicago to ensure their drivers are safe.

"It has been more of a free-for-all at this point," said Hani Mahmassani, director of Northwestern University's transportation center. "But I think cities and states are now trying to find that compromise, that sweet spot, that is going to ensure public safety, while enabling new mobility services."

Corey Owens, Uber's head of global public policy, said Thursday that the company's new background check policy has been in the works since January after the company encountered an increasing number of gaps in

its multistate search upon expanding into new markets across the country.

"It increasingly became something that we just considered unacceptable, ourselves," Owens said.

VARYING DRIVER SCREENS

The ride-sharing industry first rolled into

Chicago in spring 2013. Attempting to set themselves apart from taxicab companies, the commercial ride-sharing services promoted themselves as hip and convenient, with rides provided by nonprofessional drivers using their personal vehicles. Customers use smartphone apps to order rides, which are offered through Uber X, Lyft, Sidecar and other com-

panies competing for business against highly regulated traditional taxicab operators.

Lyft and Sidecar also advertise on their websites that their drivers undergo criminal background checks.

All three ride-sharing companies use different third-party companies to run background checks on driver applicants.

RIDE-SHARE REVIEW



A Lyft car
GETTY IMAGES

Lyft co-founder John Zimmer said his company's checks consist of screening drivers at the county, state, and in some cases, federal levels. Sidecar did not respond to questions about whether it checked specifically at the county level for convictions. But the company that performs Sidecar's checks, RedRidge Verification Services, said it conducts county, state and federal background searches on drivers.

Which companies the ride-sharing services hire to do the searches, and what level of detail they request of them, may provide different results, experts say.

The companies say rider safety is paramount and that they don't allow drivers to have felony convictions within seven years of applying. Although there are variations in how the companies treat certain offenses, all three also said they disqualify drivers for major driving infractions within at least the past three years.

MISSED CONVICTION

Lyft, Uber and Sidecar declined to provide the Tribune with a list of their Chicago drivers. One driver that Uber did provide, Tadeusz Szczechowicz, 24, of Burbank, pleaded guilty to felony residential burglary in Cook County in 2010 and received a two-year probation sentence.

He also was convicted of misdemeanor criminal damage to property in 2009 and another misdemeanor for breaking into a 2002 Toyota for a GPS and satellite radio receiver in Homer Glen in 2008. Szczechowicz has a history of speeding tickets and had his license suspended twice in 2008 for having two moving violations within a 24-month period and for the criminal trespass to vehicle conviction. Only the felony conviction, however, should have disqualified Szczechowicz to be an Uber ride-share driver under the company's rules.

When asked about his record, Szczechowicz denied it was him and hung up the phone.

Uber officials on Thursday, however, confirmed Szczechowicz had been a partner until they severed ties with him this week.

Although Szczechowicz's conviction was not caught in their background check, Uber officials said the multistate screening they have been using has caught many county criminal convictions.

"To be clear the Uber X drivers in Chicago have gone through a very comprehensive check that we believe in and we are just trying to close that small remaining gap," said Andrew Macdonald, regional general manager of Uber Midwest. But Uber officials said they did not know how many county convictions they may have missed. Uber said gaps in background checks exist elsewhere, pointing to the city of Chicago, which usually does not check national databases for taxi driver screens. City officials said Thursday they plan to start instituting those checks this spring.



CHECKING ON RIDE-SHARING SERVICES

Ride-sharing companies have varying standards for background checks and different rules on when convictions or driving violations disqualify a driver. City officials said their proposed ordinance would serve as a uniform baseline. SOURCES: CITY OF CHICAGO, TRIBUNE REPORTING

	Criminal offenses	Driving offenses	Background checks
Lyft	<ul style="list-style-type: none">» No felonies within seven years.» No misdemeanors related to violent crimes, sexual offenses, theft and property damage within seven years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">» No extreme driving infractions, such as a hit-and-run, in driving history.» No severe driving infractions, such as a DUI or a hit-and-run involving only property damage, within seven years.» No major driving infractions, including speeding 21 mph over the limit or more or driving with a suspended license, within three years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">» Quarterly driving record checks.» Annual criminal record checks.
Uber X and Sidecar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">» No felonies within seven years.» Uber has a zero tolerance policy for any drug- or alcohol-related offense going back seven years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">» No DUI within seven years» No major driving violations, such as reckless driving, hit-and-run or driving with a suspended license, within three years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">» Sidecar applies California rules that call for quarterly driving record checks, to all of its drivers. Uber says it does so in certain areas.» Initial criminal record check, no subsequent criminal checks are required. Uber says it plans to recheck drivers' criminal backgrounds, but details are still being worked out.
Chicago's proposed ordinance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">» No felonies and no misdemeanors involving moral turpitude, the illegal sale or possession of any controlled substance, indecent solicitation of a child or any criminal sexual abuse or similar crime within five years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">» No serious driving infractions, such as reckless driving, DUI or hit-and-run within the last year.» No operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or narcotics within five years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">» Companies required to make annual criminal and driving record checks of drivers.

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CTA reinstates program offering former felons entry-level work

Chicago Tribune

An entry-level Chicago Transit Authority jobs program designed to offer a second chance to former felons is itself getting a second chance, officials announced Thursday.

The CTA rail car servicer apprentice program ended in December after officials with the transit agency and the Amalgamated Transit Union Local Division 308 failed to reach an agreement on the future of the positions. At the time, CTA and union officials blamed each other for the demise of the program.

But now the 65 apprentices will be reinstated, which should provide long-term employment for a tough-to-place population and eventually translate into cleaner rail cars, officials said.

"I am so, so grateful," said JaKeshia Beals, 30, a former apprentice who went on to gain full-time work with the CTA after her two-year stint ended in December. "I prayed so hard for them to keep this program because it works. It is so needed. I am proof of what the program can do."

Dirty rail cars have been an issue this winter. CTA officials attributed much of the problem to the bitter cold and the influx of homeless individuals taking shelter on trains. When the rail apprentice program ended in December, many rail car cleaners were moved from working days to the midnight shift to replace the apprentices, officials said. It created a gap in cleaning cars during rush periods.



A woman works as a CTA apprentice cleaning rail cars in December. **TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/TRIBUNE FILE**

"My position from the beginning was these people should not be used as a bargaining tool," said the Rev. Michael Pfleger, of St. Sabina Catholic Church, who rallied and protested to keep the program going. "You would not believe how difficult it is to get someone with a criminal record a job."

But on Thursday, Pfleger celebrated the news.

"I'm glad to hear these 65 people will be back at work," he said. "I hope in the future this program can be expanded."

The CTA apprentice program was started in 2007 and has been a way of helping the difficult-to-employ build their resumes and gain work experience.

The apprentices' work entails picking up the trash and debris, mopping the rail-

car floors and scrubbing the seats, scraping up dried gum and even polishing the metal framework.

The jobs pay \$9.50 an hour and don't come with health care benefits. But through the program, some apprentices get an opportunity to work for the nation's second-largest public transportation system full time and eventually earn a better wage.

THE DIGIT

\$2.4 million

The Cook County Board next week is expected to approve spending \$2.4 million to settle a lawsuit alleging that Sheriff Tom Dart retaliated against deputies who backed his political opponent when he first sought the job eight years ago. **TRIBUNE**

EXPRESS LINES

» Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle sought to turn the page Thursday on the scenes of bodies stacked up at the county morgue by unveiling a renovated cooler for remains at the facility and by noting it has again received national accreditation.

» A University of Chicago scholar's "alternative history" of Hinduism will be barred from India by its publisher—and its existing copies pulped—to settle an extensive legal battle launched against the tome by a conservative group there.

» Police are searching for the gunman who opened fire from a white van and killed a 14-year-old boy Wednesday as he walked with friends about six blocks from his home in West Woodlawn, police said.

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Storm paralyzes South

DURHAM, N.C. A crippling winter storm had much of the Deep South caked in a dangerous armor of ice and snow Wednesday evening, leaving motorists trapped in snowy traffic gridlock, forcing thousands of flight cancellations and cutting power to hundreds of thousands.

In North Carolina, sections of five major interstate highways were gridlocked, and motorists were abandoning their cars—scenes that appeared to repeat the traffic debacle that gripped Atlanta last week when thousands of cars were left on snow-slick roads.

As the situation worsened throughout the day, officials warned drivers to stay with their cars or the vehicles would be towed at their expense. Authorities said abandoned vehicles were blocking snowplows and emergency crews, and people trying to walk home were at risk of being hit by cars sliding off icy roads.

Traffic cameras showed traffic backed up

for miles, with cars stacked on roadsides and people stomping through the snow. The Twitter feed for the state transportation department was crammed with warnings of gridlock from Interstate 26 in the west to Interstates 95, 85, 40 and 77 in central and eastern North Carolina.

Schools and many businesses were closed, but commuters leaving work at midday to beat the storm clogged roads leading out of Charlotte and Raleigh. The storm paralyzed major urban areas in Charlotte, the Triangle area of Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill, and the Triad area of Greensboro, Winston-Salem and High Point.

At least nine highway deaths were reported and more than 350,000 customers were without electricity in Georgia, South Carolina and Louisiana—and the outages were expected to grow. Some could be in the dark for days despite feverish efforts to bring the region back on line.

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Facebook expands gender options

Facebook users are no longer limited to selecting just male or female on their profiles. Starting Thursday, the site offered a custom option with about 50 choices including androgynous, bi-gender, gender fluid, intersex, and transsexual.

Congress approves debt ceiling increase

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By Luis Gomez | TRIBUNE

Just because you're a jock doesn't mean you can't get in touch with your feelings. With Valentine's Day upon us, it's a great time for Chicago athletes to take a break from their ultra-competitive personas and give us a peek at their romantic side. We asked these stars: "What's your favorite 'chick flick'?"

Joakim Noah, Bulls

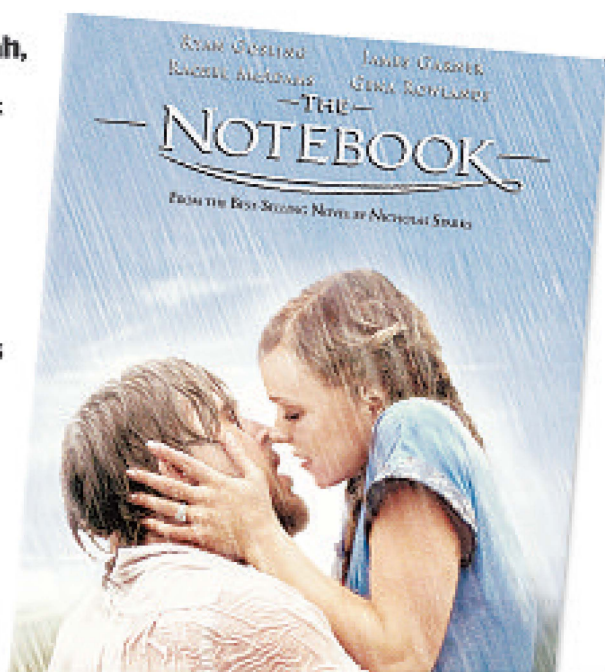
"I'm not big chick flick kind of guy. I've seen 'The Notebook' a few times. Heavy, heavy movie."

Jimmy Butler, Bulls

"'The Notebook.' I do like that movie. I used to watch that a lot. I don't watch it too much anymore, but it's one of my favorites."

Kirk Hinrich, Bulls

"My favorite chick flick is probably 'The Break-Up.' I'm a big Vince Vaughn fan and he's just funny. And it's in Chicago."



Derrick Rose, Bulls

"'Love & Basketball.' I think that was the perfect movie to combine with basketball. I think the actors they had in the movie were great. They did a great job putting the story together."

D.J. Augustin, Bulls

"'Love & Basketball.' I can relate to it. I'm a basketball player but my wife never played. We both love that movie. It's romantic. It's everything you could want in a chick flick."

Nazr Mohammed, Bulls

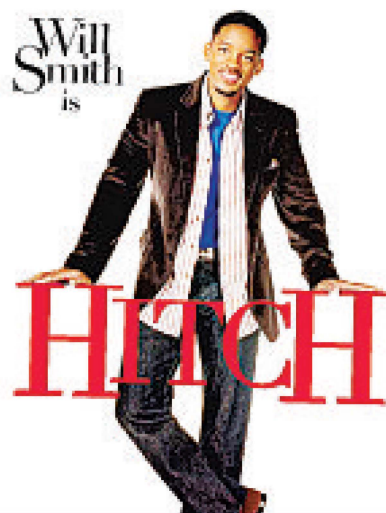
"I've seen almost all [chick flicks], but I'd go with 'Love & Basketball.' It's definitely a great romantic movie and it's about basketball."

Robbie Gould, Bears

"'Hitch.' I like the actors and the storyline and it always makes me laugh."

Chris Rolfe, Fire

"'Hitch' because not only does it exemplify that unrealistic 'love' idea that Hollywood has created, but it also makes guys like me believe that they have what it takes. Oh, and Eva Mendes doesn't hurt the appeal."



Taj Gibson, Bulls

"'Sex and the City' and don't tell anybody I told you that. It's about love and there are a whole bunch of things that don't really happen in real life. My mom really loves it, so I started watching it with her and came to love it too."



Valentine's Day is for ballers



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For some people, this weekend is about romantic activities and expensive gifts. But for those ones who love basketball, the next three days are all about NBA All-Star Weekend.

So what can you expect?

For starters, funnyman Kevin Hart is on a mission to become a three-time MVP of the celebrity game. He will play with and against the likes of Chicago's own U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, actor Michael B. Jordan and WNBA and former Notre Dame star Skylar Diggins, to name a few.

In the Rising Stars Challenge, Chicago native and New Orleans Pelicans star Anthony Davis is sure to shine.

Next is what might be the most entertaining night of all the Three-Point and Slam Dunk contests. In addition to seeing your favorite celebrities and past/present players dressed in their best leather pants, expensive jewelry and tightest shirts (side eye to Dwyane Wade and Russell Westbrook), you'll also witness amazing shooters and dunkers.

Although LeBron James refuses to enter the dunk contest, you may forget all about him after you witness Ben McLemore's 720-degree slam. Let's hope he makes it on the first try.

Sunday is the main course — the All-Star Game itself. Bulls center Joakim Noah is set to make his second All-Star appearance. On top of seeing off-the-backboard dunks, behind-the-back passes and half-court shots, the game will hopefully end with a win by the East.

Did I mention Kendrick Lamar is set to annihilate the stage, and Pharrell and his park ranger bat will perform "Happy" this weekend as well? Win!

So instead of a box of stale chocolates, deflated balloons and a Hallmark card, let's just all enjoy the rich dessert that is NBA All-Star Weekend.

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HI, RYAN

Ryan Salzwedel from WGN's "Weekend Workbench" joins the panel. Maybe he can build a hotel or two for Sochi.



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We picked the best answers from our Facebook and Twitter. It's that simple. What are you waiting for?

1	The men's Olympic hockey tournament will be decided by a shirtless Vladimir Putin on horseback attempting a penalty shot. Their house, their rules.	... late February. Early March, perhaps.	Inevitably Vladimir Putin will call it Jerseys vs. Skins. Skins always win in Russia.	... a shootout.	@StanDeCwikleJr ... the special 12-Ounce Olympic Curling Tournament.
2	Which Chicago athlete most deserves a gold medal, and for what?	Patrick Kane, for hockey AMIRITE? UI SI AI UI SI AI	Jay Cutler deserves a gold medal for tricking everyone into thinking he's a franchise QB.	George Halas in skeleton. Oh what, too soon?	Derrick Rose gets one for perseverance.	Carolyn Horne: Derrick Rose. Gold medal in not coming back ... yet.
3	What's the perfect sport to watch on Valentine's Day?	Golf, especially if Tiger's on. "Hey babe ... "gestures at TV" ... he's a jerk." YOU ARE IN.	Competitive porn.	It will be "Foxy Boxing" in my house if I buy the wrong thing.	Tonsil hockey.	@I_write_stuff Skiing, because they start at the top and it's all downhill from there.
4	Give nicknames to Michael Jordan's newborn twins.	Since they're both girls, Karma and Retribution?	Jerry and Krause.	Charlotte and Bobcat. Kidding, that would be child abuse.	Scottie and Horace in honor of his two best teammates.	@Lesso_Fitness Air-Jordina and Six-Ringina.
5	How will Derek Jeter spend his retirement?	Whispering "Yeah, Joots!" to himself in mirrors all day, every day.	As a nanny for Michael Jordan's newborn twins.	Returning home to Michigan a broken, dejected man. Oh wait, that'll be me.	Dating attractive women. Oh, he's married? Same answer.	Kevin P. Gruber: Feeding A-Rod gummy bears.




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Patrick Kane (middle) breaks between Slovakian defensemen. MCT



WHAT?!?! No ice fishing? Olympics missed the boat



SACKED AGAIN

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I've got a real problem with the Winter Olympics. Actually, several of them.

This goes back a couple of years, to when I wrote long letters recommending they introduce snowmobiling and ice fishing as sports. Could they have at least tried them as demos? I think they

would unite the world, as we all identify with fake sports used as an excuse to drink.

Anyway, they declined. So of course I'm left to watch hockey. Great. The problem is, whom do we root for? The U.S.? Is it that simple? Sure, Patrick Kane is on that team. But we've got Jonathan Toews on the Canadian team, along with Patrick Sharp. Who doesn't love those guys? Duncan Keith also on the Canadian team, and we all love a good defenseman.

Look! Niklas Hjalmarsson and Johnny Oduya on the Swedish team! And let's not forget Michal Rozsival on the Czech Republic!

Quick note to those three: I won't be rooting for your countries. I'm sorry. It comes down to food. Both countries have underperformed on the world stage in that department, so I'm eliminating both. What about Ann Sather, you say?!

I say: coffee and rolls! I hardly think the Swedes own that!

Right now I'm rooting for the U.S., but I

U.S., CANADA HOCKEY ROLL

Blackhawks forward Patrick Kane notched two assists in the U.S. men's hockey team's 7-1 win over Slovakia on Thursday in their Olympic opener. The Americans continue the preliminary round Saturday against Russia.

Meanwhile, Blackhawks defenseman Duncan Keith had an assist as Team Canada beat Norway 3-1. The Canadians, also featuring Hawks Jonathan Toews and Patrick Sharp, face Austria on Friday.

have to tell you, it's close. Stay tuned, because they tend to lose early.

It's a nice midwinter break, distracting me from silly headlines like "Angelo doesn't rate Cutler very high."

Yes, I saw Jerry Angelo's rankings on thesidelineview.com. Jerry, half the second- and third-tier QBs, according to your own rankings, were drafted or traded for by you! Perhaps that's why you're writing for no-name websites and will never work in the NFL again.

Again, nice distraction, the Olympics. It keeps me from getting excited over the Bulls. Yes, they play tough! Yes, they can win some close games. And, most important, they're a .500 team!

I guess I'm thankful for .500. That's awesome around here. Heck, DePaul's best player, Cleveland Melvin, has left the team.

Raise your hand if you knew DePaul had a best player.

Yeah, looking forward to the new arena.

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Cold Rush

Each day during the Sochi Olympics, we'll share what's giving us chills—good or bad.

No. 1 in dogs' hearts

The U.S. swept the medals in skiing slopestyle Thursday, but that wasn't the story that melted hearts.

"There is a family of stray dogs that are living outside the Gorki Media Center and I'm doing all that I can to try and bring them back with me," silver medalist Gus Kenworthy said. "There are four puppies and a momma dog. They are the cutest things ever. ... Almost a fairy tale."

Speaking of fairy tales, Joss Christensen won the event while Nick Goepper took bronze.



Skate naked maybe?

Superman never had this issue. On the verge of its worst performance in three decades, U.S. Speedskating is working to dump its skin suit. Under Armour heralded the Mach 39 as the fastest suit in production. U.S. speedskaters have yet to win a medal in Sochi.

Don't forget me

Although Japan's Yuzuru Hanyu and Canada's Patrick Chan tower above the field after the men's figure skating short program, don't count out **Jason Brown** for a medal. The Highland Park native is sixth, though less than a point out of third. The men's long program is Friday.

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Medals being awarded this weekend

Friday

ALPINE SKIING: MEN'S SUPER COMBINED
BIATHLON: WOMEN'S 15KM
CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING: MEN'S 15KM CLASSIC
FIGURE SKATING: MEN'S SINGLES
FREESTYLE SKIING: WOMEN'S AERIALS
SKELETON: WOMEN'S SINGLES

Saturday

ALPINE SKIING: WOMEN'S SUPER G
CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING: WOMEN'S 20KM RELAY
SHORT-TRACK SPEEDSKATING: WOMEN'S 1,500 METERS, MEN'S 1,000 METERS
SKELETON: MEN'S SINGLES
SKI JUMPING: MEN'S LARGE HILL
SPEEDSKATING: MEN'S 1,500 METERS

Sunday

ALPINE SKIING: MEN'S SUPER G
BIATHLON: MEN'S 15KM MASS START
CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING: MEN'S 40KM RELAY
SNOWBOARDING: WOMEN'S SNOW CROSS
SPEEDSKATING: WOMEN'S 1,500 METERS



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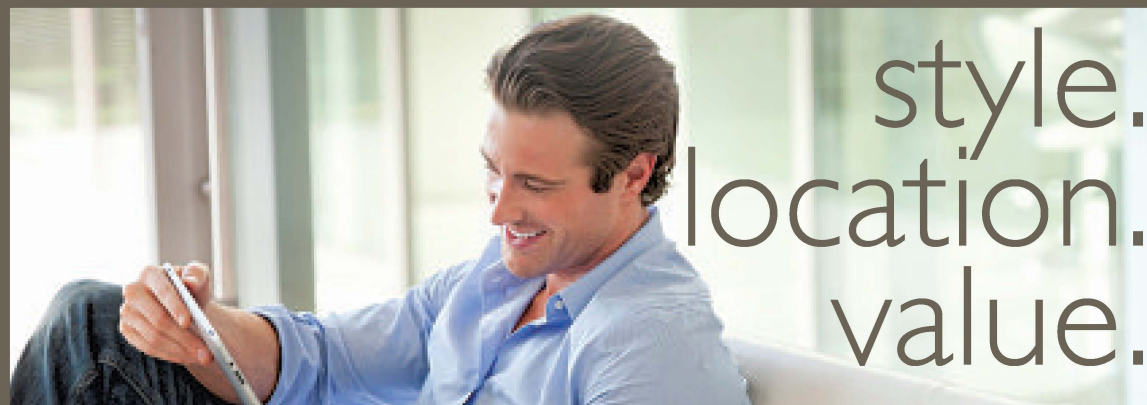
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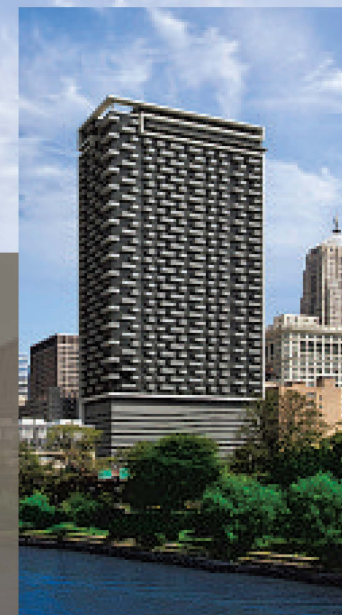
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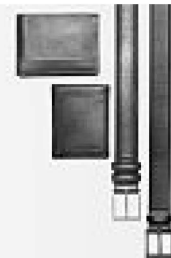
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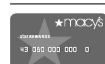


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—**Kevin Hart** on the "About Last Night" remake, which moves the movie from Chicago to L.A. and has Hart take over in Jim Belushi's role



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'About Last Night' stars get down to business for Valentine's Day

By **Matt Pais** | REDEYE

When David Mamet's play "Sexual Perversity in Chicago" hit the big screen with Rob Lowe and Demi Moore in 1986's "About Last Night," dating and relationships were tough. Nearly three decades later, that stuff is a piece of cake.

Just kidding.

In the new "About Last Night" (opening Friday), the story moves from Chicago to L.A., and now Bernie (Kevin Hart) and Joan (Regina Hall of "Law and Order: LA") are one-night standers whose volatile dynamic doesn't dampen their sexual chemistry. They connect their pals Danny (Michael Ealy of "Almost Human") and Debbie (Joy Bryant of "Parenthood"), whose romance blossoms more smoothly but still holds challenges.

Considering that Ealy, 40, and Hall, 43, both appeared in "Think Like a Man" (and its upcoming sequel) and Hall co-starred in both "The Best Man" and "The Best Man Holiday," they should know a thing or two about relationships by now. The pair spilled the goods at the Trump Hotel.

The first time "About Last Night" was on the big screen was 1986. Tell me about your relationship concerns in 1986.

Michael Ealy: I wasn't born.

Really? The Internet seems to be lying.

ME: It's the Internet.



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Regina Hall: I was in my mother's womb. It was warm.

ME: I was probably trying to get to first base in 1986 as quick as I could if I remember correctly. No, I had actually gotten to second base at that point.

RH: I hadn't kissed yet, and I remember that was a big deal. My friends were like, "You have to practice on the back of your hand."

ME: Yeah? I had gotten a handful at that point I think.

RH: Really? Did they have handfuls at that age?

ME: Yeah, a couple of girls.

What should people do if their best friend is in a relationship with someone that they don't think is right for them?

ME: How old are we talking at this point?

Mid-20s.

ME: Stay out of it.

RH: That's what I was gonna—he's thinking and talking for me! I don't know what's happening.

Is it different in the mid-30s?

RH: Hold on, let me ask someone. [Turns to the back of the room] Is someone here in their mid-30s?

ME: No one? No one?

RH: [Laughs.]

ME: I think in the mid-30s you can address it.

RH: You can certainly ask thought-provoking questions that can then make them do their own sort of introspection.

What's an example of a thought-provoking question like that?

RH: "You good?" [Laughs.] Then they go, "What do you mean?"

ME: [Laughs.] "Does he ever go to work?" "Does he just not want a job?"

RH: "You're cool with paying?"

ME: "You don't mind that he never goes to work?"

RH: "If you don't mind, it's cool."

I see no way those conversations could go badly at all.

RH: [Laughs.] No, 'cause they come from love.

Michael, you said you can relate to Danny because he's a jerk sometimes. Can you please elaborate?

ME: I went through Mr. Nice Guy for a while, and it just wasn't paying off. And guys like Bernie or Kev in this particular movie, guys with swagger, guys with confidence, they were the ones that the girls were responding to.

RH: Do you notice the responses are different?





Michael Ealy and Regina Hall
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ME: Totally, totally. It's sad, but based on my experience—I'm not saying this is a generality across the board—but women based on my experience responded more to a man who stands up for himself.

But the guys are being jerks on purpose because they think it will work better, you're saying?

ME: I don't know if I've ever been a jerk on purpose. It's more like don't be so nice.

RH: So accommodating.

How can guys set that balance, Regina?

RH: Just kinda like what he said—you're never so nice at the expense of yourself. You do what's good for you. What's kind to another person but ultimately what's good for you as well.

There's a scene in the movie where Joan asks Bernie if she's his girlfriend during sex. Is it possible to get valuable, truthful information out of someone in a conversation that happens during sex?

ME: Absolutely not.

RH: I'm going to agree and say that most of the time, it may not work. That kind of question. During sex: "Are you my girlfriend?" "Do you have an STD?" Those things are generally not going to be answered.

Yeah, no one's going to say yes to that. But there must be something you can ask.

RH: Yeah, you know what, I think that if a connection is already there—the truth is, Bernie was in a relationship whether he wants to admit it or not. He may not have been, but I felt it, and I saw in his eyes that he was loving Joan.

ME: If you felt it and you saw it in his eyes, why'd you ask him?

RH: Because I wanted to make sure that he knew it.

ME: You just wanted to hear him say it.

RH: So that we were clear. Because you know what happens a lot of times in relationships, men say, "You never asked." So sometimes we ask so that it's not implied.



'About Last Night'

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In the diverting, minimally insightful remake of "About Last Night," Dan (Michael Ealy of "Almost Human") and Debbie (Joy Bryant of "Parenthood") watch and express their love for the 1986 film—which starred

Demi Moore, and was set in Chicago and adapted from David Mamet's play "Sexual Perversity in Chicago." It's a funny moment; movie characters rarely exist in a world that allows them to see real media. The scene also reinforces how much more romantically advanced these two should be.

When the original came out, Lowe was 22 and Moore was 23. They looked young and inexperienced enough to struggle with the transition from a blissful hook-up to the everyday realities of cohabitation. Though both look plenty youthful, Ealy is 40 and Bryant is 37. The vague communication problems their characters experience while testing their compatibility don't make sense and don't feel of-the-moment. There were a lot of smart ways the new "ALN" could have updated its predecessor, but writer Leslye Headland (the underrated

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"Bachelorette") chooses to let generalities stand for contemporary issues, and jokes replace truth.

Fortunately, there's Bernie (Kevin Hart) and Joan (Regina Hall of the "Best Man" and "Scary Movie" movies), Dan and Debbie's respective BFFs. Unlike the first movie, in which Jim Belushi and Elizabeth Perkins bark at each other practically the entire time, Bernie and Joan start as sexual dynamite and go through peaks and valleys of connection and disgust. They may be oil and water, but they have intangible chemistry. Hart and Hall (at last, deservedly granted a major part) make a couple that's both funny and complicated. By comparison, the relationship between Dan and Debbie just drags. They call themselves the boring alternative to their crazy friends, and they're right. Ealy also comes off as bland instead of vulnerable and unwilling to let his heart back into the wild.

A discussion of dating in 2014 shouldn't resort to jokes about Joan's manly roommate or go easy on Dan's professional life. Work and love can be tough. Give people high stakes and see if they can step up. Despite intermittent charm, "About Last Night" is a pretty, mildly sympathetic ear instead of a valuable mouthpiece.

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Something that usually benefits movies about crazy kids' all-consuming love is the heart-thumping sense that they really can't go on without each other. Also, that

they're kids.

In "Endless Love," 24-year-old Gabriella Wilde ("Carrie") and her "I look like I model for mannequins" beauty seems about 23, not 17; 23-year-old Alex Pettyfer ("Magic Mike") looks not 18 but 25. They do show that recent high school grads Jade and David think the other is super hot and deserving of makeout sessions, wherever and whenever. But nearly every time the actors have a chance to deliver big emotion, they go cold.

This Georgia-set remake of the 1981, Chicago-set film fortunately ditches much of what made its predecessor, based on Scott Spencer's novel, so atrocious. In the scene where David and Jade sleep together, for example, David's no longer wearing tube

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socks and tighty-whiteys, and Jade's mom (Joely Richardson) no longer watches the two in action. Mom supports the feelings David brings out of her daughter—who spent the last several years mourning her brother's death of cancer—but doesn't have a crush on the guy.

(Let's take a time-out to recognize first-time actor Tom Cruise's amazingly squeaky voice in the original. He was 19 when the movie opened, and the first "Endless Love" is almost worth watching for his 40 seconds of screen time. Almost.)

Other than the relatable, dreamy fantasy of meeting someone incredible and spending every second together, "Endless Love" is easily the week's worst remake (following "RoboCop" and "About Last Night"). It's also proof that love stories need personalities of their own. Oh, Jade's a sheltered, brilliant rich girl and David's a rugged,



Gabriella Wilde (left) and Alex Pettyfer in 'Endless Love'

blue-collar dude needing to win over his gal's father (Bruce Greenwood), who sees David and screams, "That's the valet!?" Familiar characters can shine on screen with the right actors and memorable writing, a la "The Spectacular Now." Directed and co-written by Shana Feste ("Country Strong"), "Endless

Love" features not a moment that will have audiences cooing, "Awwwww."

Instead, it's a lot of needless backstory, predictable frontstory and yet another depiction of teens who can think of no better way to cut loose than flooring it and shouting "Whooh!"

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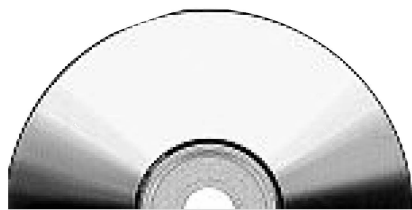
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Jimmy P.

French filmmaker Arnaud Desplechin is responsible for some of the most audacious and entertaining films in world cinema today: movies such as "Kings and Queen" and "A Christmas Tale." Desplechin's "Jimmy P." drew mixed reviews when it debuted at the Cannes Film Festival last year, perhaps because it doesn't resemble the sprawling, experimental work he's best known for. It's rather a quiet, direct and talky film, with Benicio Del Toro playing a

Blackfoot Indian and World War II veteran being treated by an anthropologist-therapist played by Desplechin regular Mathieu Amalric. Through a series of conversations, the Native American's troubles are revealed to have as much to do with the systemic mistreatment of his people as they do with the war. Some patience for scenes of people sitting around and gabbing is required, but for those willing to put in the time, "Jimmy P." has a unique perspective worth exploring. **NOEL MURRAY, LOS ANGELES TIMES**



Romeo & Juliet

William Shakespeare's romantic tragedy has been filmed so many times and so many ways that any new production needs to be either great enough or unusual enough to supplant the many fine versions already out there. Last year's "Romeo & Juliet"—produced and written by "Downton Abbey" creator Julian Fellowes—isn't weird, and it's certainly not great, or even all that good. Fellowes retains the story of star-crossed lovers from rival families, but he scraps the dialogue, making the movie into more of a mundane historical romance. Director Carlo Carlei is no help, stranding stars Douglas Booth and Hailee Steinfeld in what amounts to a tedious teen soap.

Extras: Featurettes

Game of Thrones: The Complete Third Season

The second season of the HBO hit mostly moved the fantasy-drama's characters into position for what transpires in the thrilling Season 3: a series of small skirmishes across many lands, culminating in pitiless bloodletting. The series' genius always has been that this show with swordplay, magic and dragons plays out with a Shakespearean sophistication, featuring great acting, memorable dialogue and startling scenes. With the third season, "Game of Thrones" also showed that it's not going to follow the episodic conventions of most television. This is a true saga, with real stakes.

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The poster for "Winter's Tale" states, "This is not a true story. It's a love story." Already we have a problem: Does this mean love

stories are inherently fictional? And do the filmmakers really think anyone watching magical horses and human-looking minions of the devil needs to be told it's a bunch of hokey?

Adapting a 1983 novel by Mark Helprin, writer/first-time feature director Akiva Goldsman ("The Da Vinci Code") delivers insulting mush wrapped in a twinkly package with skulls drawn on it. Seriously, a cutesy scene of a little girl talking about life-saving kisses precedes a creepy image of a guy with his mouth sewn shut.

This is long after the film has gotten completely out of control. "Tale" opens with voiceover from Beverly (Jessica Brown Findlay of "Downton Abbey"), who says,

Winter's Tale

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"What if once upon a time there were no stars in the sky at all?" She suggests that people become stars after death, something we all of course considered a long time ago in "Don't Eat the Pictures: Sesame Street at the Metropolitan Museum of Art."

When she meets Peter Lake (Colin Farrell, absurdly playing a 21-year-old) in a scene echoing the contrived romance of "Labor Day," he's taken by her beauty. He's also undeterred by her imminent death from consumption and propensity to actually say things like, "The sicker I become, the more closely I can see that everything is connected by light." The pair are tracked by a menacing dude named Pearly Soames (Russell Crowe), who watches Peter ride off on the aforementioned winged horse and tells the men standing right beside him, "He's got the goddamn horse."



Russell Crowe (center) in 'Winter's Tale'

"Winter's Tale" resembles a melodramatic blend of "The Adjustment Bureau" and "Men in Black," featuring a cameo that results in two shockingly awful chats between an Oscar nominee and an Oscar winner. Beverly's dad (William Hurt) must mispronounce "filet," and Graham Greene has one scene as a wise Native American stereotype. Meanwhile, Crowe rarely enunciates; at

times I thought he was saying things like "egg physics" and "fairy sausage."

Farrell's chemistry with Findlay puts "Winter's Tale" on the scoreboard. Otherwise, its increasingly convoluted, unintentionally funny take on destiny inspires questions like, "Isn't it more likely someone has amnesia from being thrown off a bridge than from losing love?"



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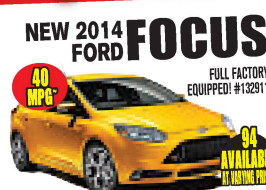
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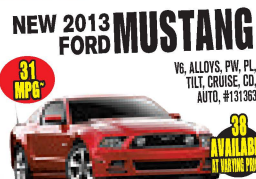
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Understanding genius/falling asleep

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Can a movie be both fascinating and extremely boring? It can when it's "Tim Vermeer," a documentary directed by Teller (of Penn &

Teller) about one guy's attempts to replicate a painting by 17th century Dutch artist Johannes Vermeer. As everyone knows about Vermeer—wait, never mind. I knew nothing about the guy. He's apparently regarded as one of the greats, particularly in his ability to incorporate light without first sketching outlines.

That's why inventor Tim Jenison, an old pal of Penn Jillette's with time and money to spare, wants to explore the possibility that Vermeer used optical trickery. Jenison plans to apply this theory to see if he can re-create the legend's famous "The Music Lesson," currently housed in Buckingham Palace. So with a focus as narrow as his subject's, Teller watches as Jenison experiments with

!!! Tim's Vermeer
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projections and mirrors and demonstrates that an oil painting novice can in fact mimic the work of a master.

First, I still don't believe that anyone (pointing at myself here), as Jenison claims, could do this. Second, no matter how intriguing you find the concept of "Tim's Vermeer," eventually you're just watching a guy paint. Even Jenison complains that his project has grown tedious, at which most viewers will yell at the screen, "How do you think I feel?" Jenison talks to a few artists and scholars, but Teller refuses to zoom out into a thorough discussion of the intersection of art and technology. Rather, numerous folks note that Vermeer's possible technique doesn't count as cheating because it's still really hard, so the whole endeavor starts to feel more stunt-like than analytical.

What did Jenison sacrifice to spend about



Tim Jenison in 'Tim's Vermeer'
TIM JENISON

five years on this effort? Does he still think this should be a movie when he comments, "This project is a lot like watching paint dry"? Though "Tim's Vermeer" works slight-

ly better than last week's art-appreciation tale "The Monuments Men," I still found my eyes glazing over as my brain drowsily argued, "Stay with me here."

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My darling husband Conor, I am so lucky to be your wife! Not only are you handsome, generous, funny, and smart--you also have a great dog. Thank you for making my birthday so wonderful, and thanks for all the love and support over this past year. I love you so much mo chroi.

Your very appreciative wifey



GRACE

You rock! Don't ever change.

THM

TO MY FUTURE WIFE KIM B. !!!



Roses are red, violets are blue
Only 134 days, until I Marry You!!!
Happy Valentine's Day!

Brendan I.



LOVELY ROSE'

Your heart and mind baby follow it.
Smile, happiness you could model it.Happy Valentine's day

LovE



HEY THERE PRETTY GIRL :)

Gabby, you are the G- to my Unit, the Baby to my Cakes, the Arizona to my Callie, the Cristina to my Yang, the Frida to my Kahlo, the Peanut to my Butter, the CHICKEN to my Lamb (haha!), but most importantly the Sweet to my Heart, Happy Valentine's Day babe, I can't wait to spend the day with you. :)

Love, your Cecilia

MISTER BABAR READ HERE!



Happy Valentine's Day Luis Angel Cantu <3
I love you, this is one of the ways I wanted to express my thanks and love for you.Thank you for all the time you've given me. I love you and I wanted you and others to know how much you mean to me. I couldn't be any happier without you! Te amo ^-^

Your one and only, Babar ^-^



I LOVE LOVE LOVE YOU, PIGPEN!

I'm so grateful to share life's journey with you. No matter where the road ahead may lead, I will never leave your side. Here's my winning Valentine tweet for you: Like sunshine in #Chiberia, your love warms my body and soul. You light up the world with your kindness. #shineon #redeyePDA

XOXO, SSP



MY BOO BOO KITTY

Dear John, wishing you a Happy Valentines Day. I cherish the day that you came into my life almost 4 years ago. Since then my life has felt complete and I could not ask for anything more. I look forward to spending the rest of my life having you by my side. You are my rock, my best friend, and my soulmate. I love you so much.

Love, Matthew

KC&QT



I knew the second I met you that there was something about you I needed Turns out it wasn't something about you at all it was just you It's one thing to fall in love It's another to feel someone else fall in love with you, and to feel a responsibility toward that love I knew the second I met you that there was something about you I needed Turns out it wasn't something about you at all?It was just you. There is never a time or place for true love It happens accidentally in a heartbeat in a single moment that single moment was the moment I heard "HEY COREY"(in your voice)

Corey McDaniels



I GOT YOU, BABE

I got you to eat chili cheese guacamole dogs with; I got you to make me feel safe.
I got you to make me laugh until there are tears in my eyes;
I got you to pull my finger.
I got you to be endlessly grateful for.
WE got US, we won't let go.

We finally got lucky and in each other found more than just a dirty muskrat, more than a boyfriend, more than a partner-- we found a best friend.

US AGAINST THE WORLD!
I love you with all of my heart, MY Tim, my Sweet-T.

Love, YOUR Darren, your Sweet-D



BANFI.

You've been known to say this about me before...
"I think your most romantic moments are when you're silent."

So, I'll take that cue and keep things simple.

I can't wait for all the small, everyday things that are ahead of us.

I can't wait for the big, life-changing moments that await us.

I love being on your team.

xoxo, jerkface



HAPPY V-DAY, C

I love you to Iceland, then to the moon, and back. (Hopefully then we'd catch the Northern Lights!) Here's to more love and adventures ahead.

Yours, H



A 12 LETTER LAST NAME THAT STARTS AND ENDS WITH A Z

According to friends and family, a young woman with the last name of a state has fallen desperately in love with a young man who has a last name very difficult to pronounce and spell. While all sources claim to be very happy for the couple, some say this is one aspect that is not convenient for anyone. "This might seem selfish," her sister said,"but we just wish there was a way to legally change his last name to something easy to remember, you know, like Zip or Zebra or Zones." Unfortunately, due to this particular family's disdain for paperwork, that is not an option. All signs indicate the family should start practicing the spelling and pronunciation now.
Z O L N I E R O W I C Z (zol-ner-oh-vich)

Love, Meggie

LLJ&SF:



I dig your chili more than ever.

xo, Sugar



TO MY VALENTINE, SIEGFRIED!

Every I love you, take care and I miss you
Every kiss in the morning, night and in between
Every challenges we've faced and surpassed
Every dreams we've aspired and seen come true
Every memories we've created
Every simple joys in life we've cherished
They all mean the world to me
Because I am sharing them with you
Thank you so much for all the wonderful years
I look forward to more Valentine's day spent with you
I love you,Mytip!

With all my love,

NIEVA

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Happy 1st married valentines day to @spcondon. I promise to eat any and all chocolatey desserts you give me as a sign of my love and affection.

Love @SpoonfulofSmash

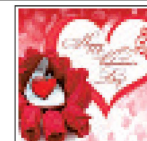
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Je t'aime..You are special to me,,Nunca lo olvides. I love you => .XOXOXO

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I LOVE YOUUU LIL MUNCHKIN!!



I just want to say your the Best Girlfriend anyone could ask for and I want everyone out there to know that. Just know I Love You with all my heart and I will Always Love You. Your My world no matter what I'm here for you. Remember we are "An army of one" Thank youuu for everything!! We've been through it all, a lot of beautiful memories with you<3 Happy Valentines!!

Lil Batman 042808<3

AURORA AND BECK



Two hipster names that found each other via an okay Cupid. Who would've thought an awkward and drunken bar crawl from Quenchers to the Exit would've been the beginning of the rest of our lives. Thank you for always being by my side, through polar vortex to deadlock traffic. I love you!

Beck

DONNIE



Roses are Red, Violets are Blue, I love Jaws and so do you.... Just so you know it is me! I just want to thank you for loving me and taking care of me ...and kitty too! We love you. Happy Valentine's Day! xoxoxox

RDK Forever!

YOU'RE MY SOUP SNAKE!



I love you so much ya big dork.

John W.

MY DIAMOND



Mark, you had me at hello the first time we met. You stole my heart the first time that we held hands. I knew deep down that somehow, somewhere we would become more than just friends. I wouldn't trade anything in the world for the events that led up to my dare and our first kiss. I love you more than anything in the world. I love our past, am enjoying our present and am looking forward to our future.

Yours always, Cathy.

!!! ADM RJK ADM !!!



It's that time again roll the dice LUCKY! Thanks for all the years of love, laugh, adventure and fun. Who has more FUN THAN US! We're NOT SPOILED JUST AS PRETTY. Thanks for always being there don't THROW IT AWAY I'm not a NUMBER...FORGOTTEN. Don't YOU KNOW ME BILLY? HOME.. to the THREE MARIAS...People they're the WORST. THE CHARIOTS. STOP THE WEDDING! Fijate!!!

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DEAR MRS. BURNS-CALDWELL

You complete every aspect of my life. I'm not sure where my life would be without you. I couldn't picture a second without you. When I saw you standing there I couldn't believe it My dream girl you stepped out of my dreams and stepped into a reality you created just for me a reality you created for us. I want to spend the rest of my life loving, and adoring you. 04.03.08 (:

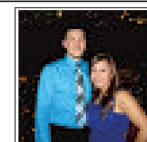
I love you with every ounce of me. -Liza (:

TO MY TOO-CUTE BUPPY!



You are such an incredible wife, lover, best friend and person. You make me better every day. I hope you are enjoying our undiscovered country! Know you will always have my heart and love. As we continue to give and receive, listen and respond, I hope we always realize the gift of time with each other. I love you so incredibly much. Here we are...in the grays of winter...here we are...just me and you...hold my hand...let's face tomorrow...

Your Guppy Goo



YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE..

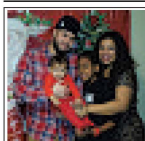
my only sunshine, you make me happy when skies are grey, you 'll never know, dear, how much I love you, please don't take my sunshine away! =)

Happy Valentines Day!!!

I Love You J.C. <3

Future Mrs. Cruz

TO MY FOREVER LOVES



ERIC-I love you more than words can ever say. You have made me happier than I could ever imagine. JAY-Baby, you are the best thing that has ever happen to me. I would not be who I am or where I am if it wasn't for you. I love you with all my heart and soul. ARI- Little girl, I love you so much. You make every hard day worth it.

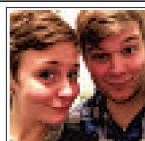
Love your wife and mom, Rockie

SKUNK



Valentine's Day used to stink until I met you, we make scents. We have a lot differences, but the one thing we have in common is our love for each other. Happy Valentine's Day 2014!

MON ANGE



#REDEYEPDA

Hi, I couldn't be any happier that we're living in the same city (and under the same roof) this year for Valentine's Day.

Mr. C

DEAR RUTHERS



Roses Are Red,
Violets Are Blue...

Best Thing I Ever Did,
Was To Marry You!!!

Happy Valentines Day! Love you =!

Your Danners

TO MY CRUNCHY TOES :)



We have been through sooo much ups and downs and it has been by far difficult. We overcame alot and you are the one who makes me really happy. Words cannot express the love and feelings that I have for you. I know sometimes I can be quite difficult or irritating, but somehow you know how to put me in my place and check me. I cannot imagine life without you and I only want to work hard to make you happy as well. I know we have not had the best circumstances but to be honest you make me complete and make me feel like I am the only one.

Frank Griggs



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY NIKKY

It seems like yesterday when you came into my life. But you have been by my side for over three years. We have laughed together, cried together, and enjoyed this rollercoaster ride called life together. You have helped me grow and helped me become the man I am today. You are the most beautiful, talented, and amazing woman in the world. You will forever be my Chocolate Goddess. I love you.

Love Always, Ray

BIG DRAKE

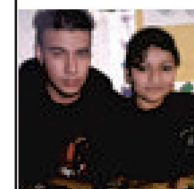


Pamplousse!!!

Happy Valentine's Day Babe!!!

I love you Always & Forever <3=)

Monica Louise



MY LOVE TO YOU SINCE 2005

I took you to be my wedded wife. With deepest joy I receive you into my life that together we may be one. As is Christ to His body, the church, so I will be to you a loving and faithful husband. Always will I perform my headship over you even as Christ does over me, knowing that His Lordship is one of the holiest desires for my life. I promise you my deepest love, my fullest devotion, my tenderest care. I promise I will live first unto God rather than others or even you. I promise that I will lead our lives into a life of faith and hope in Christ Jesus. Ever honoring God's guidance by His spirit through the Word, And so throughout life, no matter what may lie ahead of us, I pledge to you my life as a loving and faithful husband.

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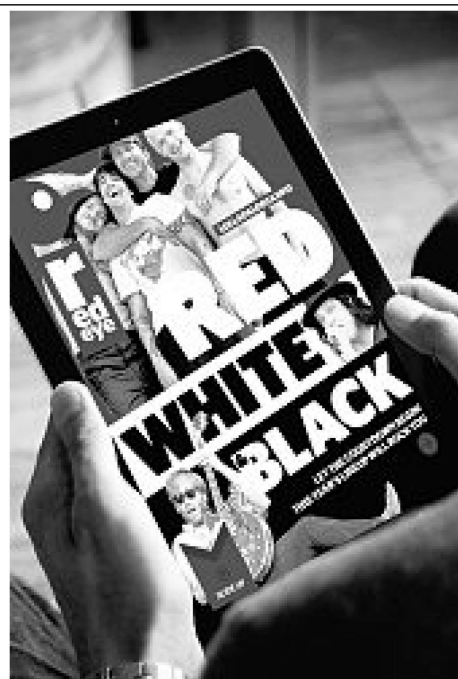
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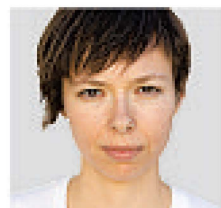
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dating

Should I act on my same-sex crush?



Anna Pulley

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Dear Anna,

I'm 29 years old and have always sort of felt like I was in a "gray area" sexually, not overwhelmingly attracted to girls (though I did notice them), but not overwhelmingly attracted to guys on a physical level either (in fact, of the guys I've dated, I've never felt any real physical kind of connection).

Lately I've been wondering whether my feelings might actually mean I'm bi or gay. I've never been with a girl before, and, while I like guys, I feel sometimes like I'd be more "myself" around a girl. Problem is, my family is not one I could ever come out to (they're a little on the judgmental side, to put it lightly) and I don't know how my friends would react. Right now, I'm feeling a little like the feelings I have (I've got a pretty decent crush on a friend of mine who's a girl) are kind of in my head.

Short of coming out to people, I don't really know where to go from here, and it's not like I have many opportunities to even kiss a girl to see what I feel. **Do you have any advice?**

I sure do! About 400 words worth of advice actually, per my agreement with RedEye for unlimited access to the office mini-fridge.

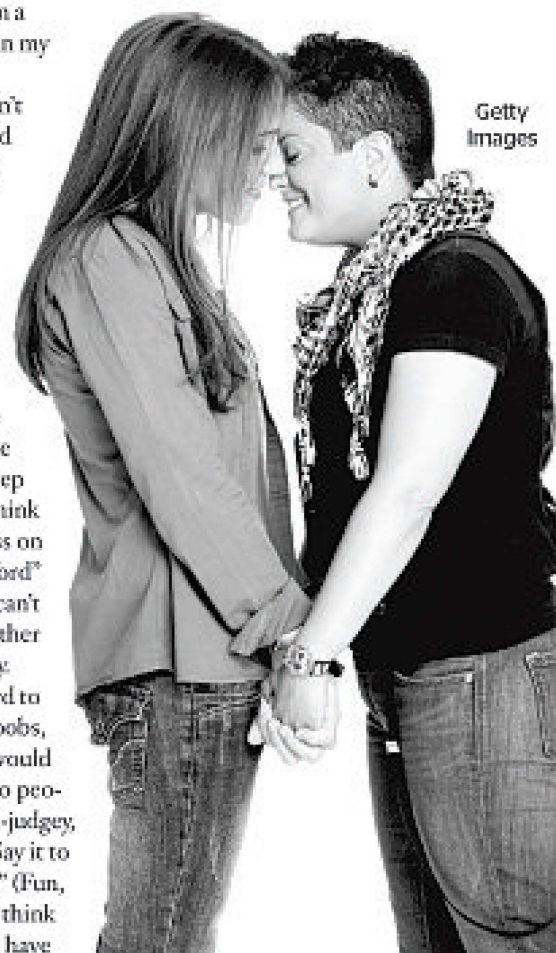
Though it may scare and excite you in equal measure, it sounds like you probably should make out and sleep with a few girls. You can wonder and think about it and get hot watching girls kiss on TV—I watched six hours of "The L Word" recently for that purpose—but you can't really know if girls give you the Nether Feels until you, like, feel them netherly.

You don't have to take out a billboard to announce your possible interest in boobs, nor do you have to label yourself. I would recommend you tell at least one or two people you think are trustworthy and non-judgy, for three reasons: One, it's liberating. Say it to your computer right now: "I like girls!" (Fun, right? Except now your co-workers think you're crazy.) Two, you'll see it doesn't have

to be a big deal. And three, it'll take some of the edge off. Right now it's like this Big Secret Whirligig that you've built it up in your head.

Worry about all the other stuff—if, how and when to come out to your family; having a latent identity crisis; becoming an REI member—later. Just focus on finding a girl (your crush seems fine, as long as she's not your boss or roommate and doesn't have a boyfriend), make out with her and see how that feels. Take your crush out for a drink, work Angelina Jolie into the conversation (or any girl celeb you find attractive), and then be like, "You know, I've never kissed a girl before and it seems awesome and you are also awesome. Do you want to make out?" And then see how you feel. If possible, do it a few times, because nervousness, Malort breath and crippling insecurity can get in the way of your true feelings. Also homophobia, but especially the Malort.

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Devil Dawgs



Giordano's

1340 S. Michigan Ave. 312-842-1100

Opened in: January

The iconic pizza chain opened its 41st restaurant just in time for a frigid winter that makes staying home and ordering deep-dish plenty appealing. If you do venture out, you'll find plenty of room for a pizza party with seating for 100 and space for 25 more at the horseshoe-shaped bar. Though fancy cocktails aren't the first thing you'd think to order at a pizzeria, Italian-tinged drinks such as a classic Aperol spritz definitely deliver.

Devil Dawgs

767 S. State St. 312-583-9100

Opened in: January

This hot dog joint's second location offers plenty of items you won't find at the original in Lincoln Park, including a milkshake menu featuring flavors such as caramel-salty pretzel and Hawaiian pineapple (\$4.99 each) and five new dishes including the Seoul Dawg, a quarter-pound spicy hot dog topped with kimchi and shoyu mustard (\$4.75) and the Elvis, a steak burger with cheese, peanut butter, applewood-smoked bacon and sriracha sauce.

Villains Chicago

730 S. Clark St.

ETA: Mid-March

Located across the street from its former location, the second coming of this beer bar has expanded in both size—it will seat approximately 120 people—and ambition. Owners have added a larger food menu, a wine list and craft cocktails as well as a beer cooler that offers two different temperature zones to ensure that each of the 40 draft offerings will be served at its proper level of coolness.

Niu B

888 S. Michigan Ave.

ETA: Late March or early April
After closing their River North restaurant Red Violet last spring, the owners of Niu Japanese Fusion Lounge in Streeterville decided to take over Oysy's former Michigan Avenue space, where they'll soon be serving Asian fusion small plates, sushi and some favorites from Niu. This space is significantly smaller than the original Niu, so expect a much smaller menu to match. They're also ditching Oysy's colorful palette in favor of darker hues for a more lounge-like vibe.

Vice District Brewing

1454 S. Michigan Ave.

ETA: Early June

When it opens this summer, this 7-barrel-capacity brewery also will feature a taproom with 10 draft lines pouring mostly made-on-premise beers, including a black IPA, cream stout, IPA, Belgian blonde, extra special bitter, chocolate porter and an American blonde. The taproom's building, which has landmark status, was one of the city's first automobile showrooms. Co-owner and brewer Curtis J. Tarver III said he plans to keep the large windows and add communal tables and a few TVs. Read more about the brewery at redeyechicago.com/vicedistrict.

» Giordano's pizza
BILL HOGAN/
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The Fleetwood cocktail at Fleetwood

LENNY GILMORE/REDEYE



Fleetwood Restaurant

2333 S. Michigan Ave. 312-624-8759

Opened in: January

Located in the South Loop's Motor Row district, Fleetwood takes its name from the Cadillac dealership that once occupied its space. It aims to channel that same luxury with two crystal chandeliers, royal purple hues and a menu of luxe American fare such as lobster ravioli (\$12.95), salmon croquette sliders (\$13.95) and prosciutto-wrapped shrimp (\$14.95).

The new South

Meet the latest crop of dining and drinking options in the South Loop

By **Samantha Nelson** | FOR REDEYE

The recession may have put some of the South Loop's development in a holding pattern, but this steadily growing neighborhood is back in the game when it comes to fresh dining and nightlife. Over the past year, a new crop of hangouts have steadily taken up residence, from new restaurants along South Michigan Avenue to a destination-worthy music lounge in the Motor Row district. Whether you live, work or go to school in the neighborhood or are just looking for somewhere to grab a drink after a trip to a nearby museum or theater, you've got a ton of new options—and more coming soon.

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Nepal House

1301 S. Michigan Ave. 312-922-0601

Opened in: April

In addition to Nepalese classics such as chicken momo (\$8.95), tasty little dumplings stuffed with minced chicken and herbs, this restaurant also serves popular Indian dishes such as samosas (\$4.95) stuffed with peas, potatoes and coriander leaves and chicken tikka masala (\$13.95) served with cream sauce and basmati rice.

Chicago Oyster House

1933 S. Indiana Ave. 312-225-8833

Opened in: May

At the start of last summer, Triad Sushi changed its name and re-emerged as an oyster bar. Dine early (5-6:30 p.m. daily) to take advantage of 10 different varieties of oysters priced at \$1.50 each. Sushi fans still have plenty of options, such as the lobster supreme roll (\$18), which features steamed lobster on the inside and torched lobster on the outside.

Kurah Mediterranean Tapas

1355 S. Michigan Ave. 312-624-8611

Opened in: August

The owner of Bridgeport's Zaytune designed the menu at this Mediterranean restaurant, which means you can expect vegetarian-friendly options as well as meaty dishes such as bacon-wrapped dates (\$9) and braised lamb shank (\$29). The restaurant also offers signature cocktails such as a blood orange Manhattan (\$9), plus plenty of local craft beers and wines from around the world. A lunch menu and 30-seat patio are in the works for this summer.



Fleetwood Restaurant

LENNY GILMORE/REDEYE



Bureau Bar

75 E. 16th St. 312-888-3156

Opened in: November

This pint-sized tavern from the owner of Crave Cafe & Lounge has room for a few dozen thirsty revelers, with plush chairs providing a place to kick back with a single-malt scotch or a Kentucky Bourbon Barrel ale and chat, watch the game or just take advantage of the free Wi-Fi. A menu of breads, cheeses and other small bites is in the works, but for now, management caters buffets for big sports games—and you're welcome to order delivery from a nearby restaurant.

Riff Music Lounge

2239 S. Michigan Ave. 312-965-4488

Opened in: November

While it's currently driven by DJs spinning R&B, hip-hop and dance music, Riff's management wants to focus on live music by bringing in bands working at Pressure Point Recording Studios, the lounge's upstairs neighbor. Six oversized booths are available bottle service if that's your scene.

Asian Outpost

1315 S. Wabash Ave. 312-662-1100

Opened in: December

The owners of Hot Woks Cool Sushi are behind this 2-month-old restaurant, where china cabinets, chalkboards and burlap-covered booths give the space a rustic, homey vibe. Much of the menu is inspired by the owners' family recipes, with dishes including barbecue ribs (\$16.95-\$22.95), curry-seasoned quinoa (\$3.95) and New York strip steak with garlic-oyster sauce (\$18.95).



» Chicken tikka masala at Nepal House
KAITLYN MCQUAID
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Boka 1729 N Halsted St. 312-337-6070

After taking a break to redecorate, this Lincoln Park restaurant is back in business. **Chef Lee Wolen**, who impressed diners with his fare at The Lobby in the Peninsula Hotel last year, is heading up the brand-new menu.

Japonais by Morimoto

600 W. Chicago Ave. 312-822-9600

After closing for renovations at the end of December, this River North restaurant recently reopened with an updated name that reflects a brand-new menu from "Iron Chef" star Masaharu Morimoto. Expect Asian fusion dishes such as uni carbonara, tuna pizza with anchovy aioli and plenty of crowd-pleasing sushi options.



**Ribs
at Q-BBQ**

Q-BBQ

714 W. Diversey Parkway 773-291-7800

A successful suburban barbecue business—the locations in Naperville and LaGrange have scored Michelin Bib Gourmand designations—has made its way downtown with the recent debut of this location on the border of Lakeview and Lincoln Park. Saucy offerings are all over the map, from Texas chopped brisket to Carolina pulled pork to Memphis chicken wings.

Green Street Smoked Meats

112 N. Green St. 312-754-0431

This no-reservations West Loop barbecue joint is from the folks who brought you nearby favorite Maude's Liquor Bar, but with picnic table-style seating, paper-lined trays and an order-at-the-counter system, it's decidedly less fancy-schmancy.

G&O

459 N. Ogden Ave. 312-888-3367

In the former Clutch space at the corner of its namesake intersection—Grand & Ogden—this new West Town cocktail bar from The Aberdeen Tap crew opened Thursday with a menu of craft and classic cocktails, plus wine, spirits and draft microbrews. With indoor seating for approximately 60 people, G&O also serves drinking-friendly food and plans to debut brunch and a patio this spring.

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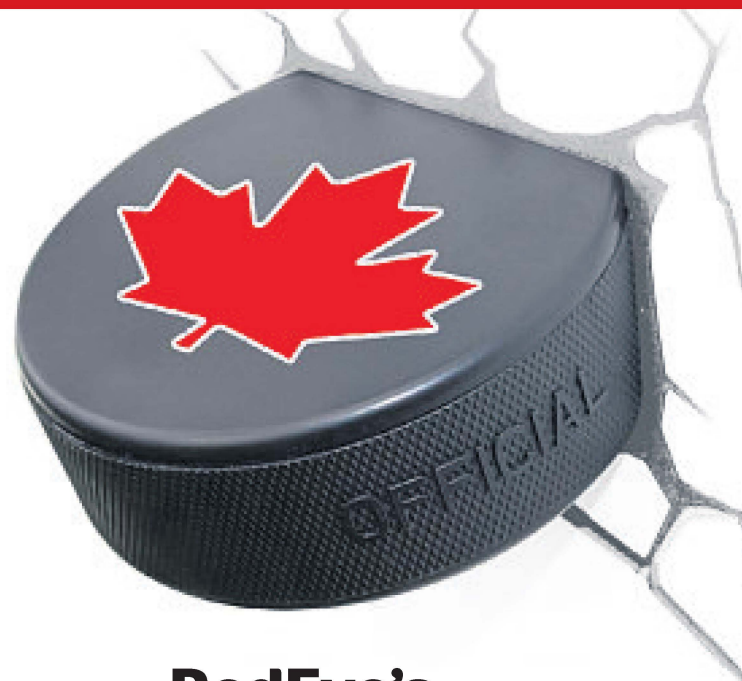
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By Lisa Arnett

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Last year, tickets sold out within an hour of release. The sixth annual event will feature three sessions spanning two days—April 25 and 26—at UIC Forum. General admission tickets cost \$100 plus ticketing fees. Last year, tickets sold out within an hour of release. As in past years, a portion of ticket sale proceeds will benefit the Greater Chicago Food Depository.

Returning sponsor Nueske's is expected to provide more than three tons of bacon for chefs from participating restaurants to cook with at the event, according to cofounder Seth Zurer. To wash down all the porky goodness, returning sponsor Goose Island Beer Co. will provide beer, as will Revolution Brewing and Wirtz Beverage Illinois, the latter of which will provide cocktails as well. Stumptown Coffee Roasters will serve hot and cold-brew coffee.

Zurer said that more than 60 new restaurants are set to participate, bringing the to-



Dish from Benny's Chop House
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tal restaurant count to more than 150 total over all three sessions. For ticket details and a full list of participating restaurants, visit redychicago.com/baconfest.

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New data from Pew Research indicates that for people 25 to 32—part of the so-called Millennial generation—the gap in earnings between college graduates and those with a high school diploma or less has never been greater in the modern era.

Pew researchers, in a report released Tuesday, found that Millennials who have college degrees made about \$17,500 more in 2012, on average, than their peers with only a high-school diploma. In inflation-adjusted dollars, that compares with a gap of almost \$10,000 for the early baby boom generation when they were the same age that Millennials are today. For the so-called Generation Xers, who were born between 1965 and 1980, the pay disparity



between college and high school graduates at the time they were young adults was \$15,780 in adjusted dollars, according to Pew's analysis of federal data.

In percentage terms, Millennial workers with only a high school education earned 61.5 percent of the annual income of similarly aged adults with a bachelor's degree. By comparison, for early boomers a high school graduate's

pay was 77 percent that of a college graduate, and for Generation Xers it was 64 percent.

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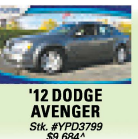
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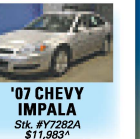
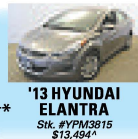
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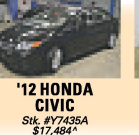
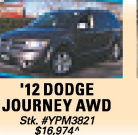
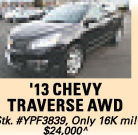
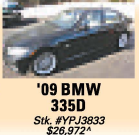
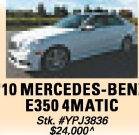
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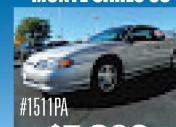
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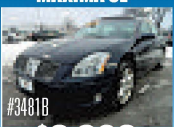
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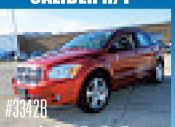
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By Matt Pais

REDEYE MUSIC EDITOR

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Rock 'n' Vote (with alums including JC Brooks and the Uptown Sound, Rockie Fresh and I Fight Dragons) is back, which means it's time for any Chicago band seeking exposure to send in your demo (music, bio, anything else you have). We're looking for men, women, rappers, rockers, anything really—just make it good. We'll pick the top 10 submissions, and RedEye readers will listen to the finalists and vote for which acts they want to see play our RedEye Rock 'n' Vote concert this spring.

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ACROSS

- 1 up with; tolerate
- 4 Riding the __; hobo's activity
- 9 Rush __; begin impetuously
- 13 Perched upon
- 15 Mysterious
- 16 Complain
- 17 Overdue
- 18 Smell
- 19 __ weevil; cotton plant destroyer
- 20 Large letters on a newspaper's front page
- 22 Like a leaky fountain pen
- 23 Arrived
- 24 Taxi
- 26 Cast members
- 29 Blood sugar disorder
- 34 Use tweezers on eyebrows
- 35 Stringed instruments
- 36 Eminem's style
- 37 Sound the horn
- 38 Comedienne __ Fields
- 39 Long story
- 40 TV's __ "Got a Secret"
- 41 Loses color
- 42 Wolves' cries
- 43 Abandoned
- 45 Actor Dafoe
- 46 Building site
- 47 First-place Olympic medal
- 48 "Beat it!"
- 51 Absolutely necessary
- 56 Actor Johnny
- 57 Reigned
- 58 Heroic tale
- 60 Toward shelter
- 61 Wipe away
- 62 City in Nevada
- 63 Goodhearted
- 64 Talk out of
- 65 Make clothes

DOWN

- 1 Chum
- 2 Orem's state
- 3 Large handbag
- 4 Kingdoms
- 5 Eagle's nest
- 6 Press, as clothes
- 7 Citrus fruit
- 8 Picture of the ocean
- 9 Drink

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- 10 Lunchtime
- 11 Discussion
- 12 Exclusively
- 14 Bird with vivid tail feathers
- 21 In the __; uninformed
- 25 Stomach muscles, briefly
- 26 Crop-killing bug
- 27 Piece of garlic
- 28 Melodies
- 29 Old; passé
- 30 Part of the eye
- 31 Fish with a net
- 32 Bird of prey
- 33 Sudden muscle contraction
- 35 Gap; opening
- 38 Raggedy
- 39 GI
- 41 Expert
- 42 Sword's handle
- 44 Fled and wed
- 45 Brand of bread
- 47 Waterbirds
- 48 Pierre's state: abbr.
- 49 Prefix before copter or pad
- 50 Not locked
- 52 Certain
- 53 Bench board
- 54 Chimpanzees and gorillas
- 55 Queue
- 59 Calf's mother

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THE DEPARTED

Switch out the hardcore Boston accents with some real sweet Chicago ones, and you've got yourself a deal. Billy Costigan (now played by Aaron Paul) goes incognito in Chicago's seedy underbelly to try to take down the mafia. Colin Sullivan (now played by Justin Long, because when is HE ever the bad guy?) is the corrupt cop who tries to ruin everything from the inside. Jack Nicholson (above) continues to play himself.



BACK TO THE FUTURE

First, a note: This movie should never be remade, ever. The original is perfect. That said, we have no trouble imagining the DeLorean screaming down State Street and coming to a dramatic stop in front of the Chicago Theatre. Marty (now played by Michael B. Jordan) can hop out and go to Marshall Field's to pick up an appropriate alternative for his "life jacket" down vest. Also, Enchantment Under the Sea Dance at Navy Pier.



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CATWOMAN

Sure, you've long since forgotten about the Halle Berry atrocity, but maybe it's time to make some nice new memories. Jared Leto continues his gender-bending turn from "Dallas Buyers' Club" and shimmies into Selina Kyle's catsuit to fight hate crime in the city. Not that Chicago has the country's biggest hate-crime problem, but there's always room for improvement.



« Halle Berry in "Catwoman"

SECOND TIME AROUND

What better place for a remake than the Second City?

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

You can take the remake out of Chicago, but what happens when you take the Chicago out of the remake? Bad things, according to movie critic Matt Pais (see reviews of "About Last Night" and "Endless Love" on Pages 21 and 22, respectively). So we thought, hey, why not turn the tables? Here's a few remakes that SHOULD pack their bags and head for the Second City. We'll be pleased to see them—and steal from their craft-services tables. DMORAN@TRIBUNE.COM | @REDEYEDANA

THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT MARY

Chicago is just built for physical comedy. Mary (still played by Cameron Diaz) slicks back her hair with disgusting Chicago River water. Ted (now played by Miles Teller) climbs atop an architecture tour boat to profess his love—and smacks his head on the La Salle Street bridge. All the bits with a dog are still included. Comedy magic!

« Cameron Diaz in "There's Something About Mary"



YOU'VE GOT MAIL

Now titled "You've Got Amazon Books Forum," this Web series follows a Kindle enthusiast (now played by Tom Hanks' son, Chet Haze) and a first-edition hard-cover guru (now played by Allison Brie) flirting back and forth via the worldwide marketplace. How did it all start? His avatar is Bullwinkle J. Moose, and hers is George of the Jungle. There's a meet-cute at Boystown's Unabridged Books. We can't give away the twist.

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Water foul

As if you needed any more reasons to watch "Sharknado: The Second One," more stars and cameos have been added to Syfy's sequel to "Sharknado." Vivica A. Fox, Mark McGrath, Kelly Osbourne, Andy Dick, Judah Friedlander and Judd Hirsch all will join Ian Ziering and Tara Reid as the aquatic weather freak-show is unleashed on New York City. Considering the crummy weather we've been having this winter, a Sharknado might actually be an upgrade.



Randy Jackson
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THE QUOTE
“Both of their seasons, I thought both of them would win.”

—Randy Jackson, to **thr.com**, on "American Idol" alums Adam Lambert and Chris Daughtry. The Feb. 18 episode of "Idol" will be the debut of the show's "boot camp" episodes, featuring Jackson, Lambert and Daughtry.



Justin Bieber
GETTY IMAGES FILE

HOT DATE MARCH 23

That's when Lifetime's "Drop Dead Diva" will kick off its sixth and final season with a two-hour premiere, **thr.com** reports.

Return of the man?

Hold on to your butts, **Morrissey** fans. The oft-canceled musician has booked a new U.S. tour that's set to hit Chicago's Civic Opera House on June 13, **stereogum.com** reports. You probably should have your sads ready in case he decides to scrap this series of shows, though.



Is butter a carb?

Guess what: You and Mariah Carey have the same favorite movie. That's right, America's diva-est diva is a "Mean Girls" superfan. MTV asked Carey and husband Nick Cannon to play Regina George and Cady Heron, respectively, in a re-enactment of the "So You Think You're Pretty?" scene. Based on their performances, Nick has seen the movie zero, maybe one times, and Mariah has seen it 983 times. Her new album also drops May 6.

hot doggin' it

Well, you can't accuse Justin Bieber of not treating his friends right. The delinquent singer spent \$241.75 on snacks at a screening of "Ride Along" in Atlanta, **eonline.com** reports. That includes seven hot dogs, three bags of Sour Patch watermelon candy, four trays of nachos and four orders of extra cheese for those nachos. Yes, America, Justin Bieber gets charged for extra cheese on his nachos. There is justice in the world.

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